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1. MOFA INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIRECTOR COMMENTED TO US THAT ROC INTEREST IN OAS OBSERVER STATUS IS STILL IN PRELIMINARY STAGE, AND OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM AND WITH MOFA LATIN AMERICA DIRECTOR SUGGEST THIS IS INDEED THE CASE. IT WOULD APPEAR FROM THESE CONVERSATIONS THAT MOFA OFFICIALS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER OR HOW TO PURSUE THEIR INTEREST IN OAS OBSERVER STATUS FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF INFORMATION ELICITED BY COUNSELOR CHOU IN WASHINGTON. MOFA OFFICIALS UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT KOREA AND/OR JAPAN ARE OAS OBSERVERS, AND WONDER HOW THOSE COUNTRIES QUALIFIED.

2. COMMENT. A. ROC HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH 15 LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, WHICH CONSTITUTE ITS LARGEST BLOC OF DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT. INTEREST IN OAS OBSERVER STATUS STEMS FROM NATURAL DESIRE TO MAINTAIN AND, IF POSSIBLE, IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH LA COUNTRIS. (MOFA OFFICIALS BELIEVE THERE MAY BE POSSIBILITY OF IMPROVE-
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MENT WITH CHILE AND ECUADOR.) THIS INTEREST DOES NOT

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SEEM TO HAVE GREAT MOMENTUM BEHIND IT, HOWEVER, AND IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT INFORMATION ON QUALIFICATIONS FOR OBSERVER STATUS (REFTEL) WILL CAUSE MOFA TO DROP THE IDEA. HOWEVER, IF IT TURNS OUT THAT KOREA AND/OR JAPAN HAS ACHIEVED OBSERVER STATUS THROUGH RELATIVELY MODEST CONTRIBUTIONS TO OAS ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, MOFA MIGHT PURSUE THE IDEA MORE VIGOROUSLY.

B. IF GENTLE DISCUSSION DOES NOT PROVE SUCCESSFUL, WE WOULD RECOMMEND A CANDID APPROACH TO THE ROC IN WASHINGTON.
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